

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The South Dakota Knights of Columbus was chartered on May 8, 1905, and has become one of the largest men's service groups in the state with 8,000 members in 80 local councils throughout South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Over the course of more than 100 years, members of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus have demonstrated their devotion to contributing time and talent to the Catholic Church, their communities, families, young people, and Brother Knights; and,

Whereas, These men proudly perform good deeds and services through grassroots, locally-created programs in their communities in educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief, and public relief areas; and,

Whereas, Members of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus also offer benevolence, aid and assistance to sick, disabled, and needy members of their communities; and,

Whereas, Knights of Columbus members endeavor to preserve the respect of all humanity and, in particular, the defense of human life from the moment of conception until death; and,

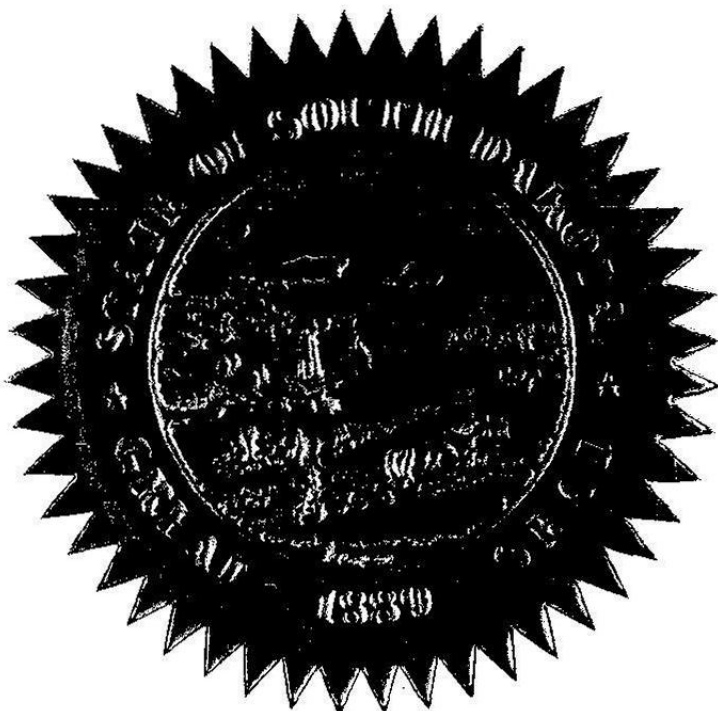
Whereas, In the past decade, Knights across the country have raised and donated nearly \$1 billion to numerous charitable causes and volunteered nearly 400 million hours of service; and,

Whereas, The 100th anniversary of the founding of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus will take place on May 8, 2005, with Knights from across the state celebrating:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2005, as

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State